

Assistant Secretary David Moseley's Weekly Update



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Commission meeting

On Tuesday, I presented to the Washington State Transportation Commission on our proposal to retrofit six Issaquah Class vessels to burn [liquefied natural gas \(LNG\)](#). I discussed the use of LNG worldwide, and the benefits of this cost-reducing, lower pollution fuel source. My presentation is available on twv.org.

Senate Transportation Committee meeting

I testified before the Senate Transportation Committee on Wednesday afternoon in favor of [house bill 1129](#). If approved, the bill would fund construction of the third [Olympic Class](#) vessel, and allow us to complete retirement of the nearly 60-year-old [Evergreen State Class](#) ferries. View my testimony [here](#).

Sealth update

Thanks for your patience as we continue to troubleshoot the *Sealth*. Our vessel engineering and maintenance teams are working diligently to return the vessel to service as soon as possible. In the meantime, the *Evergreen State* will continue to serve in place of the *Sealth*, and the *Hiyu* will serve as the inter-island vessel.

KUOW features WSF

Curious about how the largest ferry system in the nation [came into existence](#) and our efforts to [replace the aging fleet](#)? Go back in time with KUOW; they published two stories this week on WSF.

Reminder: triangle route meetings Feb. 26 and 27

Please join us on Wed., Feb. 26, 6-8 p.m., at the Commissioner's Chambers in Port Orchard, and Thu., Feb. 27, 6-8 p.m., at McMurray Middle School on Vashon Island. At the meetings, you'll learn about our proposed minor revisions to the triangle schedule to make the best use of the added vehicle capacity when the 124-car *Cathlamet* replaces the 87-car *Klahowya* on the route this fall. The proposal is available [online](#) as well as information on the community meetings and the triangle schedule revision process.

Mukilteo Terminal Project update

The Mukilteo/Clinton ferry route is part of State Route (SR) 525, the major transportation corridor connecting Whidbey Island to the Seattle-Everett metropolitan area. It is our busiest route for vehicle traffic and boasts the second highest annual ridership. The Mukilteo terminal has not had significant improvements since the early 1980s and components of the facility are aging. WSF is applying for a Shoreline Permit from the City of Mukilteo to replace the aging Mukilteo Ferry terminal. Join us on Feb. 25, from 6-9 p.m. for an open house and public hearing to learn more about the [Mukilteo Multimodal Project](#) and provide comments.

What's green and white and rode all over?

Check out our latest [blog](#) story to find out the answer.

Go mobile with WSF's Chinook Book coupon

A 2-for-1 passenger walk-on coupon valid at Colman Dock is now part of the [Chinook Book](#) mobile app. If paper is more your style, you can also find WSF in the Chinook Book hardcopy offering both 2-for-1 walk-on and bicycle passenger coupons valid on all routes.

Northwest Harvest food drive results

I want to congratulate everyone at the WSF office in Seattle who participated in the food drive for Northwest Harvest. I understand that we collected over 220 pounds of food and \$470 in donations! Your generosity is appreciated.

Customer compliment: cheerful and happy

I received the following compliment from a customer of the Seattle/Bremerton route. I want to thank Terminal Attendant Leslie Tweit for her outstanding service when assisting this customer.

Leslie was very helpful at figuring out where my wallet ended up tonight. She was cheerful and happy to assist me. She even called me to tell me my wallet was found and would be at the info desk. I was very grateful for her efforts.

Next Week:

- Alaskan Way Viaduct Agency Coordination Meeting
- Triangle route community meetings Feb. 26 and Feb. 27
- Vehicle reservations system steering committee meeting

David Moseley's weekly updates are available on the WSDOT Ferries Division Web site at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly.

Hyperlinks within the e-mail:

TVW/Commission meeting: www.tvw.org/index.php?option=com_tvwplayer&eventID=2014021927

LNG: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/Environment/LNG.htm

HB 1129: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1129.pdf>

Olympic Class ferries: www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/144carferries/

Vessels by Class: www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/vesselwatch/Vessels.aspx

TVW/STC: www.tvw.org/index.php?option=com_tvwplayer&eventID=2014021122

KUOW/Born From A Rates War: <http://kuow.org/post/washington-state-ferries-born-rates-war>

KUOW/Replacing Aging Icons: <http://kuow.org/post/washington-state-ferries-replacing-aging-icons>

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